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TO : The Secretary

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SUBJECT: Parliamentary Situation on Cuba in the Security Council

The Security Council remains seized of the Cuban problem, having adjourned sine die on October 25 "to permit the parties to negotiate while the Council watched developments".

Technically speaking, there are three resolutions on the table, but they would not come to a vote:

(1) The U.S. draft calling for removal of offensive weapons from Cuba, the despatch of a UN Observer Corps to confirm the arms removal, and a call for consultations between the U.S. and the USSR on the Cuban question;

(2) The Soviet draft condemns U.S. acts designed to violate the UN Charter and to intensify the threat of war, insists that the U.S. repeal its decision to control ships from other states going to Cuba, and calls on the U.S., Cuba and the USSR to enter into negotiations for the purpose of "removing the threat of war";

(3) The UAR and Ghana draft requests the Secretary General to confer with the parties directly concerned and calls upon them to refrain from any action which might aggravate the situation.

We would request the current President (Riad of the UAR for the balance of November, followed by Sir Patrick Dean of the UK in December) to call a meeting of the Council, indicating that agreement has been reached on next steps. The Soviet Union would probably wish to join us in requesting a meeting of the Council, and such a procedure would be satisfactory from our point of view.

The Council would, at a minimum, hear a report from the Secretary General and statements by the USSR and the U.S., embracing the previously agreed declarations. Our tactic in the first instance ought to be to get the Soviets to agree to limit the Security Council meeting to the above, capped off with a previously worked out "summation" of the Security Council President (both we and USUP believe the summation procedure is preferable though this may depend in part on which proves less difficult to negotiate.)

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However, the Cubans will probably insist on a long speech pressing their five demands. The Security Council has already taken a decision to hear them in accordance with Rule 37, and it is therefore unlikely the Soviets will agree to a limited meeting as described above. In view of the fact that a Cuban statement would have no practical effect on the Council deliberations, assuming that we and the Russians have agreed on the procedures and declarations, we should not make a major issue of this. In these circumstances, we assume that there would also be statements by the other Security Council members who will probably wish to commend the SYG and the parties for bringing about an alleviation of the situation. Moreover, such a meeting would give the Chilean and Venezuelan representatives an opportunity to associate themselves with our non-invasion pledge if they wish to do so. In view of the reservations of the Latin Americans, we do not believe they should be pressed to make such statements in the Council.

Once the Cuban item has been disposed of, we will wish to work out arrangements quickly with the USSR for an early Council meeting to recommend the election of U Thant as Secretary General for the full five-year term.

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